

# St John's Catholic Parish

"I am here among you as one who serves." Luke 22:2

Mullumbimby



Serving the Catholic Community in the Brunswick Valley



## Pray for God in our lives

**THE** second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God.

Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate.

In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes.

Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

- Loyola Press

Sunday 27th Oct 2019, Year C  
30th Sunday in Ord Time

### Liturgy this Week

#### Mass Readings

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19;  
2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18;  
Lk 18:9-14..

#### Psalm Response

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. *Alleluia.*

#### Next Week's Readings

Wis 11:22 - 12:2;  
2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2;  
Lk 19: 1-10.

#### Mass/Service Times:

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

#### Brunswick Heads

**Tuesday 5.30pm**

Readings, Vespers and Eucharist

#### Thursday

Adoration and Rosary **5pm**

Readings, Vespers and Eucharist **5.30pm**

#### Mullumbimby

**Wednesday 9.30am**

**Friday 1pm Mass**

All Saints

**AND Parish Day of Prayer 9am-5pm**

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Brunswick Heads

**Saturday Vigil 5pm**

#### Mullumbimby

**Sunday 8am**

To include information in the newsletter, please email the office by Tuesday evening - [mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## Contact Information

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**PARISH MANAGER:**  
**Michelle Davies**

**Office:** Wed & Thur 10am-5.30pm

**Phone:** 6684 2106

**Emergencies:** 0416 428 014

### PRIEST ON CALL

**Fr Michael Nugent: 0411 440 652**

### Byron Hospital Visits

**Fr David Gilbey: 6685 6260**

### CHURCHES:

#### St John's

15 Murwillumbah Rd,  
Mullumbimby

#### Our Lady of Lourdes

50 Mullumbimbi St,  
Brunswick Heads

### PARISH SCHOOL:

St John's Primary

**Principal: Renay Condon**

**Phone: 6684 2386**

### Hospital Visits, Anointings, Reconciliation

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Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

## Rosters: 2/3 November, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	BRUNSWICK	MULLUMBIMBY
<b>Welcomer</b>	Robyn Macdonald	Liturgy Group
<b>Readers</b>	Jan Mangleson Frances Godbee	Peter Kiernan Jenny Tucker
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	Beth Wann Volunteer please	Tonia Lynch Gwen de Costa
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Kay Holmes Volunteer please Volunteer please	Maria Beaton Anne Arcus Volunteer please

**Collection Counters** - Wednesday 30th Oct: Di Boyd

### SAINTS AND FEASTS

#### 28.10 Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles -

St Simon the Zealot was one of the most obscure among the apostles of Jesus. To distinguish him from Simon Peter he is called Kananaios or Kananites.

St Jude is generally identified with Thaddeus, and is also variously called Jude of James, Jude Thaddaeus, Judas Thaddaeus or Lebbaeus. He is sometimes identified with Jude, the brother of Jesus, but is clearly distinguished

from Judas Iscariot, the apostle who betrayed Jesus prior to his crucifixion.

**01.11 All Saints** - celebrated in honour of all the saints, known and unknown. The liturgical celebration begins at Vespers on the evening of 31 October, All Hallows' Eve (All Saints' Eve), and ends at the close of 1 November. It is thus the day before All Souls' Day, which commemorates the faithful departed. All Saints' Day is part of the season of Allhallowtide, which includes the three days from 31 October to 2 November inclusive.

**02.11 Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)**

- wikipedia



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## A warm welcome

We had a phone call from Colleen McHardy from Glenbrook in the Blue Mountains. She visited St John's Church a couple of weeks ago. She said she was made very welcome the minute she arrived and was invited to morning tea after Mass, which she did. She thoroughly enjoyed Fr Michael's Mass and was very impressed by the liturgical dance performed. Well done everyone on being such a welcoming community. Colleen is looking forward to her next visit with us.

## Accommodation search

An 80-year-old is looking for accommodation for himself and his friendly dog, plus parking for a caravan which is used for storage only. If you can help please contact Steven Connolly - 0448 004 182.

## HSC exams

Please keep HSC students in your prayers as they sit their exams. The next four weeks will be a trying time for them and their families and I am sure they could do with all the support you can offer - in person or in prayer.

## Family Retreat

A family retreat open to all families with children in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lismore will be held at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat in November. Families have the choice from two weekends: **Nov 2-3 OR Nov 9-10**. All costs covered. Contact: [jo.kelly@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jo.kelly@lism.catholic.edu.au) or 0407 706 454.

## Helpers needed

We are in need of more **Eucharistic Ministers** to assist Father during Communion in both churches. You will receive training for this role and will go on to a rotating roster. Please contact Michelle in the office.

## Memories of St Joseph's

In 2020 St Joseph's School in South Murwillumbah will celebrate 50 years of Catholic education in Murwillumbah. Planning has begun for celebrations which will centre around the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross from August 5-8th, 2020. **We need your photos and memories**

**please!** Due to the loss of some of the school history, particularly photos, in the 2017 flood, we are hoping to get the news out to our ex-students and their families, past staff and parishioners to ask if the school could borrow your photos for scanning and saving as we rebuild our history book. Photos and newspaper articles may be taken to the St Joseph's School Office or to the Sacred Heart Parish Office for scanning or may be emailed to [smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smurp@lism.catholic.edu.au). Other memorabilia or stories that you would like to share are also welcome.

## Reflection day for Women

Preparing our Hearts for Advent, **November 23**, at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, Family Hall. Cost is \$25 which includes morning and afternoon tea - BYO lunch. RSVP by 20th November to [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone 02 4773 8338.

## Mission Adventure?

Communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seek volunteer medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. Call us Mon-Fri on (02) 9560 5333 or see [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au)

## Marriage Enrichment

Rediscover your relationship! November 8th-10th at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact 0490 774 419.

## Stamp Collection

Stamps are still being sent to the Josephites in Sydney. Please put used stamps in an envelope and place on the plate, or in the box at the back of St John's. Stamps are auctioned off to raise money for good causes.

## Let Us Pray



### FOR THOSE:

#### Recently deceased:

Mary Donnelly.

#### Anniversaries:

Searl Browning, Keith Walker, Joseph Walker, Athol Sawtell.

#### Time of need:

Margaret Taylor, Tony Pinna, Greg and Renay Condon, Maryann Paterson, Sr Margaret Keane, Shelly and Joseph Singh, Peter Murphy, Rev Chris Wallace, Joyce Lake, Brian Burns, Helen DeCosta, Bernadette McCabe, Kevin Donaghy, Claire Melene, Jim Donnelly, Trisha Lloyd, Pat Dailhou, Camilla Reynolds, Peter Colville, Fr Andrew Benton, Samantha & Kate Holley, Stephen Buckley, and Betina Abbott.

*Please let us know if names should be removed from list.*

#### Seminarians:

Those training for the Diocese: Proencio Bognay and Anthony Gawlu, and those entering seminaries.

## St John's Mullumbimby 'Junior Johnnies'

A Free program for any child starting Kindergarten in 2020. Join in the fun activities and prepare for school!

Email: [sjpmull@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjpmull@lism.catholic.edu.au)

Phone: 6684 2386



## Parish Day of Prayer - 1st Friday of the Month

**THIS FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 1ST**

St John's Church;

9am

Rosary

1pm

**Mass for All Saints Day**

10am-5.15

Eucharistic Adoration



Share an hour with someone and help fill our prayer roster. Roster available at the back of St John's church.

Contact Anna on 66845432 if you are unable to make your hour this month.



## SAVE THE DATE

**OCT 29:** Immaculata Sisters and Mission outreach night - *Mary: the Most Powerful Woman in the World*. St John's Church 6.30pm. All welcome.

**NOV 1:** All Saints Mass, St John's 1pm. Parish Day of Prayer 9-5pm.

### Christian Meditation

Parish Resource Room, **Weds at 3.30pm**. Phone Judy 0401629748.



### Prayer Group

Mary of the Angelus Intercessory Prayer Group, **10.30am**, Parish Resource Room, **2nd and 4th Friday** of month. Call 0431 477445.

### Spiritual Reading

There are many good books you can borrow from the Parish Library in **St John's Church**. Write your name and book's title in lender's book.

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*"In so far as you did it to the least, you did it to me,"*  
- Jesus Christ.

One of our traditions was always to help out the poor. Please share with them a coin in the St Vincent de Paul Poor Box each time we come to Mass.

*"Make real friends with the poor,"*  
- says St Paul our Teacher.

**St John's Primary School**  
MULLUMBIMBY

**Contact us for a school tour or for more details on 6684 2386**

Follow the Parish on Facebook  
Look up: **John Parish Mullum**

## ❁ LET'S BE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY ❁

### Diocesan Fire Appeal

There have been devastating fires in Rappville, Dorrigo and other localities in the Diocese. Bishop Homeming has asked all parishes to take up collections to assist those who have suffered. We will do a collection this **Sunday**. Envelopes are provided in each church. Please write **Fire Appeal** on the outside and place on the plate. This appeal is not tax deductible.

### Immaculata Mission visit

The Immaculata Sisters are once again visiting our parish. They will spend time with the children at St John's School and will also host an evening

at the church. Their Outreach night: *Mary: the Most Powerful Woman in the World*, will be on **Tuesday 29th Oct, 6.30-8.30pm**. This includes fellowship with tea and coffee, a talk by the Sisters of the Immaculata and mission team on Mary. All welcome.

### All Saints Mass

**St John's Church, Friday 1st Nov at 1pm**. Students from St John's will also be there. All welcome.

### Book Orders

Last call for book orders. Order forms at each church. Payments in an envelope and put on the plate please.



### National Drought Prayer Campaign

The Church in Australia is dedicating the month of November as a time to pray for those affected by crippling drought conditions and to pray for the gift of rain. Parishes, schools, families and other Catholic communities across the country are being encouraged to participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought. - Source: ACBC Media Blog

### SCHOOL NEWS

The Stage 3 students were on their four day excursion in and around Brisbane last week. From all reports they had a fabulous time.

On Friday it was SOCKTOBER, so all students were encouraged to wear "crazy socks" and make a gold coin donation. All money will be directed to the Catholic Mission in an attempt to "help sock it to poverty!"

As you would be aware Mrs Renay Condon, Principal at St John's has taken this term to help with the rehabilitation of her husband Greg. In Mrs Condon's absence I have been asked to fill in the position of Principal this term. I am currently the Principal at St Ambrose Primary School, Pottsville.

May I say how impressed I have been in the friendly welcoming nature of the staff, parents and children

**'CALM AMONGST THE CHAOS' 2019**  
Arts Partnership Reveal

When: Friday the 1st of November  
Where: St John's School  
Time: 3:30pm-6pm

Activities:

- Arts Partnership Reveal
- Water Sports (the giant parachute and giant inflatable balls, octopus tag, bottlefield, 100s of pre-filled water balloons for various games, super spooker fun, giant tug o' war rope)
- Nachos and Baked Potatoes from canteen for dinner
- Live music by St John's students.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

at the school. Clearly the staff at the school are very dedicated and committed in providing a quality education for all students at St John's. It is very apparent that St Johns is a very caring and friendly community!

I look forward to being part of the St John's school community and at any time you wish to discuss a matter pertaining to the school or just want a chat - please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Kind Regards*  
**Brian Laybutt**  
(Acting Principal)

